

*Child Abuse Prevention
Understanding the Needs of the African American Community*

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THE PROJECT

Parents Anonymous of Minnesota (PA) is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the generation-to-generation cycle of child abuse and neglect through parent-focused, self-help prevention, intervention, and treatment programs, supportive programs for their children, and public education and professional training. PA has been developing multi-cultural programs in the Asian (Cambodian and Hmong), Hispanic, Native American, and African American communities in the metro area over the past three years. In order to strengthen and expand their multi-cultural programs, PA identified its need to conduct research and assessment in order to network more effectively with agencies and leaders in communities of color. The organization decided to focus this research effort in the African American community and secure funding to hire a research assistant. Subsequently, PA was selected for the Communiversity Program Grant Award funded by the Center on Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and I was chosen by Parents Anonymous to conduct the research for this project.

I began my work with Parents Anonymous on October 13, 1993. My objectives were to: 1) create collaborative relationships with key leaders in agencies who provide child abuse prevention services to African American families, 2) create dialogues with key leaders in African American community who have an interest in child abuse prevention, and 3) prepare and submit report as to child abuse prevention services currently in place in African American community and identify communities/neighborhoods in need of Parents Anonymous services.

FORMING AN AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In March of 1990, the former executive director of PA, met with members of the African American community to form the African American Advisory Committee of Parents Anonymous. The purpose of the Committee was to provide parent support groups designed to address the problems of child abuse in the African American community. This Committee created three PA groups for the African American Community--St. Paul Umoja, South Minneapolis Umoja, and Parenting for Success. When I began my work with PA, there was no longer an operating advisory committee, and the South Minneapolis Umoja support group was suffering from a lack of funding and community outreach. Thus, I focused my efforts on identifying leaders in the African American community who were interested in the issue of child abuse prevention and would be willing to form a new advisory committee.

I contacted fifty-eight individuals or organizations by letter or telephone to determine interest in the issue of child abuse and attract members for the Advisory Committee.¹ In my search, I attempted to identify individuals or organizations working with African American families. I sought suggestions from Azania Akindale of Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, formerly the project coordinator for the African American support groups, who recommended a number of individuals interested in the issue of child abuse prevention. I identified twenty-

¹ See Appendices A and B for a copy of the letter sent and a list of all organizations and individuals contacted and their responses.

six individuals who expressed interest in joining the Advisory Committee but wanted to learn more about the commitment involved in participating. Thus, we decided to hold an initial meeting on December 1, 1993, to discuss the duties of an Advisory Committee member.² As of this writing, we have held three meetings of the Committee and formed subcommittees.³ We have a core group of six to eight members.

INPUT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY

My interaction with the Advisory Committee and conversations with individuals working with African American families and/or abuse issues provided insights into how best to meet the specific needs of the African American community. I have attempted to summarize my findings with regard current barriers to service and recommendations for addressing those barriers.

Barriers to Service

- * The consensus was that the need for child abuse prevention services exists in the African American community. It was suggested that no other agency is addressing the issue of abuse in exactly the same way as Parents Anonymous. That is, there are other organizations in the community that deal with the issue of child abuse either indirectly or in conjunction with a number of other issues, but very few focus their entire effort on child abuse prevention and intervention.⁴ This places Parents Anonymous in a position to attempt to fill this apparent void in services for the African American community.*
- * However, the feedback I received indicated that Parents Anonymous is viewed as a white organization. Both Advisory Committee members and others I spoke with noted that the community is not aware that PA has African American chapters. Furthermore, individuals expressed a reluctance to refer African Americans to PA chapters because PA "doesn't know enough about [the African American] culture."*
- * Although there was consensus with regard to the need for child abuse prevention services, not everyone agreed on how to address child abuse in the African American community. Two issues were reiterated: 1) the definitions of punishment and abuse in the African American community are different from those espoused by PA, and 2) the fear of having children taken from their homes if they acknowledge abuse contributes to secrecy and a lack of trust on the part of African American parents. It is important to consider these issues in determining how to publicize and conduct a African American PA support group. It was also suggested that the name "Parents Anonymous", given this climate of fear and anxiety around the issue of abuse, may*

² See Appendix C for the minutes from the initial African American Advisory Committee meetings.

³ See Appendix D for a list of members of the African American Advisory Committee.

⁴ See Appendix E for a list of organizations and the range of services they provide with regard to parenting and child abuse issues in the African American community.

deter parents from attending PA support groups.

Recommendations for Addressing Barriers

- * PA needs to focus on forming strong advisory committees for African American chapters. The community is tired of white people speaking on behalf of African American issues. Members of advisory committees must provide input and guidance so that African American chapters can best meet the needs of individuals in the community concerning the issue of child abuse. Furthermore, the networking that members of advisory committees can accomplish with agencies serving African American families is essential to building strong chapters. African Americans need to spread the word that PA knows how to address the needs of people of color. Only then will that message impact the community.*
- * PA must recognize that its effort in the African American community is "going to be put under a microscope for a while." The trust is not going to be formed immediately. PA needs to build a reputation for "knowing where black people are coming from."*
- * PA is currently attempting to hire an individual to coordinate the multicultural programs. This goal is in accordance with the comments I received. PA needs to have people of color on staff if, as an organization, it is going to attempt to represent the needs of people of color.*
- * I contacted a number of service organizations and talked with individuals about the components of successful programs. Child care and transportation are critical for successful African American group. In addition, much of the feedback I received, including comments from the Advisory Committee, indicated that separate groups for men and women are more effective. Finally, in terms of referrals, I cannot stress enough how important it is to network with agencies serving African American families. Aside from these agencies, the most common referral source was child protection.*

In conclusion, I believe Parents Anonymous has set goals for its multicultural programs that are in accordance with these recommendations. I would simply add that keeping in touch with members of the Advisory Committee is critical at this time. I believe having one strong advisory could make the difference in how PA is viewed in the African American community. Once the current impression of PA begins to change through positive networking, forming new African American advisory committees for different areas of the Twin Cities may be an easier process. I would encourage PA not to attempt to expand too quickly in this area as the support from the community is still rather tenuous. My recommendation is to establish one strong African American parenting group rather than attempting to form a number of groups quickly. Concentrating resources in one area may have a greater impact than trying to expand throughout the city.

APPENDIX A

Name
Address

Date

Dear :

I am writing to introduce myself and Parents Anonymous of Minnesota and to solicit your support in the continued fight to end child abuse and build strong, healthy families. I am currently serving as a graduate research assistant for the Communiversy Program Grant Award to Parents Anonymous of Minnesota. This position is being supported by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) of the University of Minnesota.

Parents Anonymous of Minnesota (PA) is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the generation-to-generation cycle of child abuse and neglect through parent-focused self-help prevention, intervention and treatment programs, supportive programs for their children, and public education and professional training.

It is important that Parents Anonymous services are accessible to families of color. The PA Multi-cultural Project was developed to overcome the barriers that families of color face when they seek help for parenting problems. As part of its Multi-cultural program, Parents Anonymous works with communities of color to customize PA chapters to serve diverse cultures. Because the Parents Anonymous local empowerment model respects the differences that exist among communities and cultures, the model is extremely responsive and adaptable to needs of the participants.

In the last three years, Parents Anonymous has established three chapters serving African American families. One of these chapters, located in South Minneapolis, is in need of an advisory committee to work with current volunteers to secure chapter resources and develop a community awareness plan. It is critical to find support from leaders within the African American community to provide input and guidance, and to ensure that the specific needs of African American families are best served. Parents Anonymous advisory committees include individuals involved in parenting programs, child abuse prevention teams, battered women's shelters, law enforcement, social services, education, businesses, public health, and other areas.

I have enclosed a description of the qualifications and duties of an advisory committee member in addition to general information about Parents Anonymous of Minnesota. You could help Parents Anonymous to identify individuals willing to share their time or expertise by distributing this information within your agency.

I will call you within the next several days to discuss the possibility of recruiting individuals to serve on the advisory committee. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Katherine P. Welty
Graduate Research Assistant*

APPENDIX B

The following individuals and organizations were sent a letter or received a phone contact in regards to the African American Advisory Committee. I have indicated their responses to the right of their addresses and phone numbers. A copy of the letter sent to these individuals is included following this list.

*African American Parents
926 Thomas Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Lorraine Smaller*

*Letter was returned.
No forwarding address or
telephone number.*

*ARC Minnesota
3225 Lyndale South
Minneapolis, MN 55408
827-5641
Bob Brick*

*Mr. Brick recommended I contact
ARC Hennepin County.*

*ARC Hennepin County
4301 Highway 7, Ste 140
Minneapolis, MN 55416
920-0855
Brenda Walton*

*Brenda Walton would like
to be on the Committee.*

*BIHA Women in Action
122 West Franklin, Ste 306
Minneapolis, MN 55404
870-1193
Alice Lynch*

*Contacted Alice Lynch
She was part of the initial
Advisory Committee. Someone
from BIHA will participate. Keep in touch.*

*Bridge for Runaway Youth, Inc.
2200 Emerson Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55405
377-8800
Thomas Sawyer*

*They were very interested.
Cannot participate right
now. Keep in touch with
Dennis Mauer - possible collaboration/
referral source.*

*Catalyst-A Program for Women
310 E. 38th St., Room 200
Minneapolis, MN 55409
822-7393
Helen J.M. Bassett*

Program no longer in operation.

Chrysalis-Center for Women
2650 Nicollet Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55408
871-0118
Mary Thorpe-Mease

*Neither the Mpls or St. Paul
location of Chrysalis could
recommend anyone.*

550 Rice St., Ste 206
St. Paul, MN 55104
222-2823
Lois Jonet

The City, Inc.
1315 12th Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
377-7559
Bobby Hickman

*Bobby Hickman could not recommend
anyone, but Jacqui Smith
will be on the Committee.
She was a board member and a
member of the initial Committee.*

1545 East Lake St.
Minneapolis, MN 55407
724-3689
Jacqui Smith

Community University Health Care
2001 Bloomington Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404
627-6888 ext. 273
Dona Evans

*Dona Evans will be a member
of the Committee.*

Council on Black Minnesotans
2233 University Ave.
Wright Building, Ste 426
St. Paul, MN 55114
642-0811
Elvira Barnes-Wycough

*The Council was unable to
recommend anyone.*

Domestic Abuse Project
204 West Franklin
Minneapolis, MN 55404
874-7063
Ellen Altman

*No one from the Domestic Abuse
Project can participate at this
time.*

Family and Children's Service
3125 East Lake St.
Minneapolis, MN 55406
729-0340
Janet Williams

Janet recommended Bernard Gill
He will be a member of
the Committee.

Father's Resource Center
430 Oak Grove St., Ste 105
Minneapolis, MN 55403
874-1509
J. Neil Tift

Neil recommended Edward Owens.

Edward Owens
2105 1st Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55404
872-2345

Interested in participating.

The Father's Program
123 North 3rd St., Ste 702
Minneapolis, MN 55402
338-6558
John Sullivan

No contact was made.
A letter was sent but
phone calls not returned.

Grace CME
3909 4th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
522-2439
Pastor Arthur Day

Interested. Invited to
Jan. 12 meeting.
No one has attended.

Hennepin County Community Services
Department
300 S. 6th St., Gvnt Center
Minneapolis, MN 55487
David Sanders
Child Protection
348-2102

No contact was made. A letter
was sent but phone calls not returned.

Ron Bell
Minority Advocates
348-3384

Not interested in participating.

***Hennepin County Guardian
ad Litem***

*626 South 6th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55415
348-4597
Ellen Johnson*

*Ellen Johnson is not sure if
she is interested in participating.*

Institute on Black Chemical Abuse

*2616 Nicollet Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408
871-7878
Jeffrey Hunsberger*

*No one from the agency
could participate.*

Links, Inc.

*2727 Dean Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55406
920-0024
Wenda Moore*

*A letter was sent. I
received no response and
was unable to contact anyone by
telephone. No one answered, and
there was no answering machine.*

MELD

*123 North Third St., Ste 507
Minneapolis, MN 55401
332-7563
Duane Simms*

*He runs the program MELD for
Young Dads. He was willing to try to
recommend individuals but needed more
time to do so. He is a good contact.*

Mental Health/Community Services

*2001 Bloomington Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
627-6888 ext. 256
Ann Brown*

*No contact was made.
A letter was sent but
phone calls not returned.*

Metropolitan Visiting Nurse Association

*250 South 4th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55415
673-2777
Mary Rose Goetz*

*No contact was made.
A letter was sent but
phone calls not returned.*

***Minority Childhood Improvement Program
(MINChIP)***

*Hazel Tanner
4809 10th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55417
823-3349*

*Hazel Tanner was a
member of the initial Committee.
She is interested. Invited to
Jan. 12 meeting.*

Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
4255 3rd Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
824-8000
Roxy Karelis

*Timari Grahams will be
a member of the Committee.*

Minneapolis Public Schools
Wilder Fundamental
3320 Elliot Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55407
627-3234
Candice Samuel

*She was interested and was
invited to meeting of Jan. 12.
Candice Samuel will not be able to
participate. She is too busy at this
time.*

Minneapolis Urban League
D.A.D.
2000 Plymouth Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
521-8215
Darnell Fowler

*Darnell Fowler will be a
member of the Committee.*

Early Childhood & Family
Education
407 E. 38th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55409
377-5965
Raenel Jones

*Raenel Jones could not
recommend anyone.*

Juvenile Advocacy Program
1911 Nicollet Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
872-7411
Richard Bell

*No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls
not returned.*

Minnesota Chapter of
Black Social Workers
P.O. Box 8802
Minneapolis, MN 55408
Charles Williams

*Charles Williams could
not recommend anyone.*

Charles Williams (alternate address)
Pillsbury Schools
2250 Garfield St. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
627-2822

Minnesota Council of Churches
122 W. Franklin Ave., Room 100
Minneapolis, MN 55404
870-3600
Dr. Margaret J. Thomas

*No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls
not returned.*

Minnesota Extension Service
374-8421
Debra Stone

*Very interested but no time
right now. She will refer others.*

**Model Cities Family
Development Center**
580 Fuller Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103
222-6090
Cynthia Currie

*Kimberly Rorig will be
a member of the Committee.
Kimberly Rorig no longer works
at Model Cities.*

**National Association of Social
Workers-MN Chapter**
480 Concordia
St. Paul, MN 55103
293-1935
Alan Ingram

*He suggested I contact
Charles Williams, President
of MN Chapter of National
Association of Black Social Workers.*

Nidra King Center
1702 Glenwood Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55405
374-5047
Bobbi Coleman

*Bobbi Coleman could not
recommend anyone.*

Northside Child Development
1011 14th Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
529-9107
Helen Jirak

*Helen Jirak referred me
to Vicki Wright. Vicki is too
busy now. Ms. Jirak would be
willing to give space for a PA meeting.*

**Northside Family Connection-
Way to Grow**
1120 Oliver Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
588-8893
Tene Jones

*Holly Taylor will be a member
of the Committee.*

***Northside Residents Redevelopment
Council***

***1014 Plymouth Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
348-6849
Matthew Ramaden***

***Mr. Ramaden recommended
I contact Northside Family
Connection-Way to Grow.
The Council is collaborating
with Northside Fam Connection on an
African American Father's Program.***

Pacer Center, Inc.

***4826 Chicago Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55417
827-2966
Deb Jones***

***No one from the Pacer Center
could participate.***

Penn-Bro Professional Services

***2339 Penn Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
529-2110
Fay Butt***

***Invited to Jan. 12 meeting.
Fay Butt is too busy at this
time.***

***Phyllis Wheatley
Community Center***

***919 Fremont Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
374-4342
Azania Akindale
Sheila Bradley***

***Azania Akindale was the project
coordinator for PA and helped
establish the African American
PA groups. She gave me a number of
people to contact. Sheila Bradley
was a member of the initial Committee.
She is not sure if she wants to participate.***

***Pilot City Mental Health
Center***

***1349 Penn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
348-4622
Dr. Seymour Z. Gross***

***Dr. Gross could not recommend
anyone.***

Prevention Alliance

***430 Oak Grove St., #105
Minneapolis, MN 55403
874-1028
Hallie Hall***

***She was very interested.
Said she may be able to
participate in January. She was
invited to Jan. 12 meeting.
She is too busy at this time.***

*Powderhorn Family Network-
Way to Grow
310 E. 38th St., #325
Minneapolis, MN 55409
822-8746
Ora Hokes*

*No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls not
returned.*

*Sabathani Community Center, ECFE
310 E. 38th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55409
827-1841
Joyce Frett*

*Joyce Frett was very
interested, but she is not
available currently.*

*Sabathani Community Center
310 E. 38th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55409
827-5981
James Cook*

*Mr. Cook was unable to recommend
anyone.*

*St. Paul Urban League
401 Selby Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102
224-5771
Mrs. Willie Mae Wilson*

*No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls
not returned.*

*Survival Skills Institute
1501 Xerxes Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
522-6525
Dr. Geraldine Carter*

*No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls not
returned.*

*Teen Age Medical Service
2425 Chicago Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
863-6125
Elizabeth Myhre*

*Elizabeth Myhre recommended
I speak with Mary Joe Davis.
Mary Joe is not available at
this time.*

*Turning Point, Inc.
1105 16th Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
588-0707
Peter Hayden*

*Dr. Woods called me back
on behalf of Peter Hayden.
He will try to find someone
to participate.
Keep in touch.*

**Washburn Child Guidance
Center**
2430 Nicollet Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
871-1454
Wendy White

*Wendy White is interested in
participating. She no longer
works at Washburn.*

**Washburn Child Guidance
Center**
1704 Dupont Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
521-5848
Valerie Harris

*She was very excited about
referring to the African
American group. Thinks there
may be people at Washburn interested
in participating with Committee work.*

Wayside
3705 Park Center Blvd
Minneapolis, MN 55416
926-5626
Hester Stone

Very interested but no time now.

WHISPER
P.O. Box 65796
St. Paul, MN 55165-0796
644-6301
Vednita Nelson

*Interested. Invited to Jan.12
meeting.*

Women's Advocates, Inc.
584 Grand Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102
227-8284
Lisbeth Wolf

*No one can participate, but very
interested in referring to the
St. Paul African American group.*

Urban Coalition
2610 University Avenue, #201
St. Paul, MN 55114
348-8550
Yusef Mgeni

*Referred me to Keyah Davis.
Not interested.*

***Urban Communities Association
of Minneapolis***

***1401 Clinton Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
872-6788***

Pastor Cherian Puthiyottil

***No contact made. Sent
letter but phone calls not
returned.***

Val Barnes

***920 E. 19th St., Apt. 22
Minneapolis, MN 55404
874-9452***

***Former PA parent.
Interested in participating.
Did not attend meetings.***

APPENDIX C

AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARENTS ANONYMOUS

NEXT MEETING:

PHILLIPS TLC

2414 PARK AVE.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404

JANUARY 12, 1994

6-7:30 PM

FROM: KATE WELTY

SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the African American Advisory Committee of Parents Anonymous was held on December 1, 1993. In attendance at this meeting were Dona Evans, Community-University Health Care; Darnell Fowler, Minneapolis Urban League; Penny Kallas, Metro Regional Coordinator/Parents Anonymous; Jacqui Smith, The City, Inc.; Annamichele Spears, Parent Facilitator for African American group in South Minneapolis; Kate Welty, Graduate Research Assistant, U of M.

At the meeting we discussed the history of the African American chapters of Parents Anonymous. PA's African American Advisory Committee met initially in 1993 and established the South Minneapolis chapter. The Committee has not met since early 1993. We are looking to reestablish the Committee, and we are seeking additional members.

The needs of the South Minneapolis chapter were highlighted. The support group is not currently meeting due to a lack of funding and transportation for families. In addition, participants noted that the community is not aware that PA has African American chapters. Therefore, community outreach is also a high priority.

Finally, we discussed the need for child abuse prevention services in the community. Everyone agreed that the need did exist, and that there were not any other programs addressing the issue in exactly the same way as Parents Anonymous. Individuals expressed a desire to have different groups for men and women and to focus on stress management as a way of dealing with issues of child abuse. The group also discussed establishing a PA support group for North Minneapolis. The Advisory Committee would oversee both the North and the South Minneapolis chapters.

At the next meeting, we plan to focus on dividing the group into subcommittees and talking more about the mission of the Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions, please call Kate Welty or Penny Kallas at 487-2111.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

NEXT MEETING:

PHILLIPS TLC

2414 PARK AVE.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404

JANUARY 26, 1994

6-7:30 PM

FROM: KATE WELTY

SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the African American Advisory Committee of Parents Anonymous was held on January 12, 1994. In attendance at this meeting were Dona Evans, Community-University Health Care; Timari Graham, Minneapolis Crisis Nursery; Ellen Johnson, Hennepin County Guardian ad Litem; Penny Kallas, Metro Regional Coordinator/Parents Anonymous; Vednita Nelson, WHISPER; Edward Owens, Family Network I; Annamichele Spears, Parent Facilitator for African American group in South Minneapolis; Hazel Tanner, MINChIP; Holly Taylor, Northside Family Connection; Kate Welty, Graduate Research Assistant, U of M.

At the meeting we presented a brief overview of the services of Parents Anonymous and the history of the African American chapters of PA. Again, the needs of the African American South Minneapolis chapter of PA--transportation and community outreach--were highlighted. There was still some confusion in the group as to the mission of this Advisory Committee. It was discussed whether they were to reestablish the South Minneapolis chapter with the existing components or if they could/should form an entirely new group. That is, the South Minneapolis chapter's support groups were meeting at Southside Catholic Charities, the facilitator and children's program coordinator are already in place, and transportation was being provided at a rate of \$44/night by Phillips TLC. The group debated if it would be more beneficial to establish an entirely new PA support group. Some supported using the existing space, workers, and connections and others thought it would be better to create a new group. After an initial support group is established, the Committee is interested in creating a number of new African American groups for different areas of the city, i.e. North and South, and different individuals, i.e. separate support groups for men and women.

We discussed the need for funding in order to continue the group or start new chapter. It was explained that funding needs depend on the priorities of the Committee. A group could be established with very few costs. Funding needs may include stipends for the facilitator and children's group coordinator, snacks for the children's group, transportation, or publicity. It was also noted that these elements could be provided through donations or volunteer work. The funding needs will ultimately be decided by Committee.

Finally, we focused on dividing the group into subcommittees: 1) subcommittee to locate a facility; 2) subcommittee to recruit facilitators for the parent support group and children's group (Again, the group may decide to use the existing facility or to locate the meetings in another space. In addition, they may choose to use the workers we have or recruit new facilitators. Therefore, the existence of these subcommittees depends on the decision of the group in this matter and the number of support groups it plans to form.); 3) subcommittee on referral to let the public know who we are and who we serve; 4) subcommittee on fundraising to raise all funds to operate the chapter.

Currently, the fundraising subcommittee includes: Vednita Nelson, Annamichele Spears, Edward Owens, and Holly Taylor. The referral subcommittee includes: Timari Graham, Hazel Tanner, and Dona Evans.

At the next meeting, we plan to decide whether forming the subcommittees for facility search and recruitment at this time is a priority of the group. Then, the group will divide into subcommittees and begin brainstorming. In addition, we need to identify an individual who will be willing to take the minutes for future meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Welty or Penny Kallas at 487-2111.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

NEXT MEETING:

PHILLIPS TLC

2414 PARK AVE.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404

FEBRUARY 16, 1994

6-7:30 PM

FROM: KATE WELTY

SUBJECT: THIRD MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The third meeting of the African American Advisory Committee of Parents Anonymous was held on January 26, 1994. In attendance at this meeting were Dona Evans, Community-University Health Care; Penny Kallas, Metro Regional Coordinator/Parents Anonymous; Annamichele Spears, Parent Facilitator for African American group in South Minneapolis; Kate Welty, Graduate Research Assistant, U of M.

Due to the very small size of the group, we were unable to divide into subcommittees. However, Annamichele Spears had exciting funding news to share with the group. She learned from Sharon Johnson (DHS) that the Department of Human Services has money earmarked for prevention that the African American Advisory Committee is eligible to apply for. She is obtaining the forms and will update the funding subcommittee on the necessary steps to take.

It was also discussed that I will be leaving PA as my limited time has expired. Thus, you will no longer be hounded by me. However, Dona Evans and Annamichele Spears will be calling each of you to remind you about the next meeting. I hope Feb. 16th is better for everyone. Thank you for your interest and your help.

If you have any questions, please contact Annamichele Spears at 840-6078 or Penny Kallas at 487-2111.

APPENDIX D

AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Dona Evans
Community University Health Care
2001 Bloomington Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404
627-6888 ext. 273*

*Vednita Nelson
WHISPER
P.O. Box 65796
St. Paul, MN 55165
644-6301*

*Timari Graham
Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
4255 3rd Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
824-9278*

*Annamichele Spears
3520 4th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55408
874-1960
840-6078*

*Holly Taylor
Northside Family Connection
1120 Oliver Ave. North
588-8893
889-4582 (mobile)*

*Ellen Johnson
Hennepin County GAL
Minneapolis, MN 55415
348-4597*

*Dr. Woods
(Not attending meetings but
wants to be informed.)
Turning Point
1105 16th Ave. North
Minneapolis, MN 55411*

*Darnell Fowler
Mpls Urban League/D.A.D.
2000 Plymouth Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411
521-8215*

*Jacqui Smith
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APPENDIX E

This is a list of organizations that provide a range of services with regard to parenting and/or child abuse prevention for diverse populations. This list is by no means comprehensive; rather, these are the agencies that I was referred to most frequently in my search for parenting or abuse prevention programs for African American individuals.

BIHA Women In Action

Community workshops

Family violence

No Cost

Multicultural

Bridge for Runaway Youth

Aftercare for teens and adults

Time limited programs ⁵

Multicultural

Children's Home Society of MN

Parent support groups

Crisis nursery (72 hrs)

No cost

Multicultural

The City, Inc.

Parent and Family Support

Multicultural

Chrysalis-Center for Women

Looking to start parenting support group/chem dep

Probably will be costs for group

Time limited

Domestic Abuse Project

Family violence

Therapy for men, women, and children

Family & Children's Service

Parent support and education

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

⁵ Time limited programs meet for a number of weeks rather than on an ongoing basis.

Family Service of St. Paul

Family violence program

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Father's Resource Center

Parenting support groups

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter

Family violence support and education

No cost

Multicultural

Institute on Black Chemical Abuse

African American Parent Education

Time limited

No cost

Lutheran Social Services

Parent support and education

Based on ability to pay

Multicultural

MELD

Parent support

Father's support

Multicultural

Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

Crisis nursery (72 hrs)

No cost

Multicultural

Northeast Neighborhood House

Family violence support groups

Multicultural

Costs

Northside Family Connection

Father's group

Parenting support

No costs

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Phyllis Wheatley Community Center

Parenting support

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Prevention Alliance

Parent support/chem dep

No costs

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Reuben Lindh Learning Center

Parent support and education (abuse)

No costs

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Southside Family Nurturing Center

Parent support and education (abuse)

Ongoing groups

Multicultural

Turning Point

Parent support

No cost

Multicultural

Survival Skills Institute

Parent support and education (abuse)

No cost

Ongoing

Multicultural

Urban League

Early Family & Childhood Education

Parent education

Time limited

Costs

Washburn Child Development Center

Parent support and education

Ongoing groups

Based on ability to pay

Multicultural

YMCA

Parent support and education

Time limited

Costs

Multicultural